UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Appointment of midwives.

1. MR. K. T. MICHAEL (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any scheme to post one trained midwife at least for every village?

MR. B. PARAMU (*Secretary to Government*): It is the intention of Government to provide a midwife for every four to five thousands of the population.

Infant Mortality.

2. MR. K. T. MICHAEL: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are taking statistics of infant mortality and the mortality of women during child birth?

MR. B. PARAMU: Yes.

Bridge in the eastern bazaar, Kayamkulam.

3. MR. P. K. KUNJU (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that the bridge in the eastern bazaar, Kayamkulam is unserviceable for traffic;

(*b*) if so, how long has this bridge remained in this condition; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to make this important bridge serviceable for vehicular transport in the near future?

MR. B. PARAMU: (*a*) The bridge is unsafe for vehicular traffic but serviceable for pedestrians.

(*b*) For about 6 years.

(*c*) No. The Kayankulam R. C. bridge about a furlong from this bridge will serve the purpose.

Sea Erosion.

4. MR. P. R. ATCHUTAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the depth of misery which the coastal people of Karunagapalli are put to, due to sea erosion and scarcity of drinking water; and

(*b*) if so, the attitude of the Government in the matter?

MR. B. PARAMU: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Urgent investigations are being made.

Harijan schools.

5. MR. P. K. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Harijan schools recognised and given grants in the years 1119 and 1120;

(*b*) the number of such schools under the management of the Paraya community;

(*c*) whether they are aware of the fact that an M. P. school of the Paraya community is being conducted at Thoonkuzhikkal Thottakkad, Changanacherry taluk; and

(*d*) if so, whether any pecuniary help has been given by the department?

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